

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE, INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY INDIANA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

Mayor Phil Deckard called the Martinsville Common Council to order on Monday, November 17, 2014. Del Chafey then led those in attendance in opening prayer followed by the Mayor's leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

THOSE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Phil Deckard, Mayor
Terry Buster, District 1
Bob Strader, District 2
Gary Lester, District 3
Jeff Price, District 4
Phil Deckard II, District 5
Eric Bowlen, Councilman-at-Large
Shannon Kohl, Councilwoman-at-Large
Ross Holloway, City Engineer
Roger Coffin, City Attorney
Robert Carter, Chief of Fire
Roger Wiltermood, Chief of Police
Valerie Hugart, Clerk-Treasurer
Becky Tumey, 1st Deputy Clerk

A quorum was declared present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Eric Bowlen to pass the minutes from the previous council meeting. Councilman Robert Strader seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0. Councilman Jeff Price abstained.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Phil Deckard noted that the letters that residents received from the county were not generated by the city administration. This concerns drainage areas within the city that the county has alerted homeowners of upcoming meeting and a possibility of adding a tax for cleaning the said drainage ditches.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Martinsville City Parks

Park Board President Del Chafey reported that the hay bales have been placed strategically around the park hill for sledding safety. Plumbing will be moved from the ceiling area to the lower level of the bath house. Winterization of restrooms has been performed. Upcoming lighting ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 29, 2014. Donations for the Winter Wonderland lighting committee are being accepted.

Morgan County Economic Development

No representative present.

Chamber of Commerce

No representative present.

Washington Township

No representative present.

REDISCOVER MARTINSVILLE

Garland has been placed on the light poles for decorations to begin. There is a waiting list of potential persons who have inquired about decorating.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #2014-1693-Flaherty & Collins rezone

Ordinance #2014-1693 was presented to the council. This ordinance is for rezoning certain land through applicants Flaherty & Collins from R-2 to B-2. Favorable recommendation was given from the Planning and Zoning board from their October 28, 2014 meeting to the council. Mayor Deckard allowed Cecelia Krefft, 11 North Jefferson Street, Martinsville, IN. to speak. Ms. Krefft was not in favor of this action. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Strader to accept Ordinance #2014-1693. Councilman Terry Buster seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #2014-1698-Bennett rezone

Ordinance #2014-1698 was presented to the council. The ordinance is for rezoning William Bennett property from AG-RRC. This ordinance consists of rezoning 1380 Lincoln Hill Road, dividing said lot into two lots. Planning and Zoning unanimously voted in favor of the plat and re-zone of property. A motion was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II. Councilman Terry Buster seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

CLAIMS

A motion to accept the claims as reported was made by Councilman Terry Buster. Councilman Phil Deckard II seconded the motion. Motion passes 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Terry Buster made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Councilman Phil Deckard II. Motion passes 5-0.

Phil Deckard, Mayor

Terry Buster

Terry Buster, Councilman

ABSENT

Shannon Kohl, Councilwoman

ABSENT

Gary Lester, Councilman

Jeff Price

Jeff Price, Councilman

Eric Bowlen

Eric Bowlen, Councilman-at-large

Phil R. Deckard II

Phil R. Deckard II, Councilman

Robert Strader

Robert Strader, Councilman-at-large

ATTEST:

Valerie Hugart

Valerie Hugart, Clerk-Treasurer